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The Honorable Brad Henry  
Governor of Oklahoma  
State Capitol Building  
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

It is with pleasure that I respond to the State of Oklahoma's request for an extension of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility of training providers at 20 CFR 663.530. This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIA Title I, subtitles B and E and Sections 8-10 of the Wagner-Peyser Act.

The State of Oklahoma's request (copy enclosed) indicates that it experienced a loss of initial training provider data during transition to a new operating system. A waiver extension is needed to provide sufficient time to complete recapture of the data, and prepare and distribute the Eligible Training Provider List to WIA boards for application of performance data.

The waiver is written in the format identified in WIA Section 189(i)(4)(B) and 20 CFR 661.420(c) and appears to meet the standard for approval at 20 CFR 661.420(e). Accordingly, the State of Oklahoma is granted an extension of this waiver through June 30, 2005, with an effective date of January 1, 2004.

The granted waiver extension is incorporated by reference into the state's WIA Grant Agreement, as provided for under paragraph 3 of the executed Agreement, and also constitutes a modification of the state's approved five-year strategic plan. A copy of this letter should be filed with the state's WIA Grant Agreement and the state's approved five-year strategic plan, as appropriate.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and achieving better workforce investment outcomes. We are prepared to entertain other state and local-level waiver requests that you may wish to submit, consistent with the provisions of the WIA statute and regulations.

Sincerely,

Emily Stover DeRocco

Enclosure